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Timely Tidbits ...

City-wide Yard Sale

Romulus residents are invited to take part in the annual City-wide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 17, through Sunday, May 20. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be re-scheduled for May 31–June 3.)

To register for a free one-, two-, three-, or four-day sale permit – *and have your address included in free newspaper advertising for the event* – stop in at the Romulus Recreation Department's administrative office (11189 Shook) no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26. Residents registering after the deadline will still receive a free permit, but may not be included in any advertisements.

For info, call 734-941-8665.

"Brain Food"

Sandia Waller (nutritionist and author) and Kathleen Baxter (author of *Natural Foods Cookbook for Children*) will be the featured speakers at "Brain Food: What to Feed Your Child for Academic Success." The free program will be held at Sharon SDA Church (28537 Cherry Street, Inkster) on Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m. Other highlights will include food demonstrations, lectures, and books.

For info, call 734-722-2313.

Softball Leagues

Romulus is working with Westland and Wayne to form new softball leagues. Choose Men's, Women's, or Co-ed leagues playing a variety of schedules. For info, call Kristin Irwin at the Romulus Recreation Center (734-941-8665).

Bowling Benefit

A "9-pin No-tap Bowling Tournament" to raise money for the Romulus Animal Shelter Fund will be held at Romulus Lanes (37452 Huron River Drive) on Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m. The event will feature handicap doubles and singles events, as well as prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and snacks. Cost is \$25. For more info, call Romulus Lanes (734-941-9200) or Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616). □

County Clerk Opens Satellite Office in Westland

A new collaborative effort between Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett and Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans is being heralded as a means to bring more efficient, streamlined, and convenient services to residents of Romulus and surrounding communities.

Citizens seeking a permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) – or wishing to obtain official documents such as birth certificates, marriage licenses, and death certificates – will no longer have to make a trip downtown. Instead, they can visit the County Clerk's new pilot satellite office at the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol Office, located at 3100 Henry Ruff Road in Westland.

"This new program will be an enormous asset to the local community," said John Barden – who, as both an executive assistant to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and a member of the Romulus City Council, was proud to serve as a "double representative" during the recent grand opening of the satellite office. "By eliminating the long trip downtown, as well as the need to pay parking fees once you get there, this office will save our residents a significant amount of time and money."

Clerk Garrett said the new satellite office will be staffed to provide a number of the services most requested from her office, including notarizations and filings for assumed names and passports, as well as applying for birth/marriage/death certificates and CCW permits.

"I'm assessing ways to more conveniently serve the citizens of Wayne County," she stated. "I'm pleased that two of our offices are working together to improve services for our citizens."



Among those joining Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett (right) and Sheriff Warren C. Evans (center) for the opening of the Clerk's new pilot satellite office in Westland was Wayne County Executive Assistant/Romulus City Councilman John Barden.

Citizens seeking certificates for births in Wayne County (except in Detroit) will pay \$22 for the first certified copy and \$7 for each additional copy made by the clerk. Note that birth certificates are *not* public records, and may be requested only by the individual of record, a parent who is named on the record, or a legal guardian.

Marriage and death certificates – which are public records, and may be requested by anyone – are available at the same rates.

The age for getting married is 18 without parental consent and 16 with consent. To obtain a marriage license,

applicants must present a certified copy (with seal) of their birth certificate with parental information. At least one of the parties must appear in person to apply. Cost is \$23 (cash only) if one or both of the parties is a Wayne County resident, or \$33 if both reside out-of-state. Note that there is a three-day waiting period.

CCW permits – available to U.S. citizens and resident aliens who are at least 21 and meet various other requirements – are \$105.

The satellite office will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-326-4690 or send a fax to 734-721-2836. □

School Bus Driver Wants Roads Restriped for Children's Safety

Romulus Community Schools bus drivers, concerned about the safety of their young passengers, are hoping that Wayne County and City of Romulus officials will move quickly to address what they say are dangerous road conditions along their routes.

A letter forwarded to the City administration during the April 2 meeting of the Romulus City Council outlined some of the drivers' concerns.

"ALL our roads are in desperate need of restriping," stated the letter's author, Kerry Vaughn, a Romulus native who has been driving for the District for the past 10 years. Vaughn went on to

name a number of roads that she and some of her colleagues have deemed to be in the worst condition, including:

- Wayne Road (from Eureka to Van Born)
- Vining Road
- Goddard Road (from Vining through the downtown area)
- Ecorse Road
- Merriman Road
- Cogswell Road
- Huron River Drive

Vaughn's letter also noted that the "turning arrows" at the Middlebelt Road ramp off I-94 have worn away, as have the lane arrows at the Merriman Road ramp.

Further, the turning arrows, stop lines, and railroad crossing markings are nearly gone from many Romulus roads.

"When you look at these roads during daylight hours, some of the lines are partly visible ... but, during our early-morning runs, when it's still dark and sometimes rainy, they're practically invisible because there's no reflecting compound left in the paint."

Another of the problems identified by Vaughn involves the traffic light at the intersection of Wayne and Eureka roads. She strongly believes that the timing of the light needs to be adjusted, since

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buses using that intersection frequently have to sit through three, four, or even five stop/go sequences before being able to make their turns.

Additional concerns include:

- the need for a streetlight at the back entrance of Romulus High School, and
- potholes in various areas, including the Goddard/Wayne intersection near Romulus City Hall.

"Some of those potholes are so bad that our buses are literally rattling apart," she explained.

Vaughn – who said that, since last September, she has made several unsuccessful attempts to work with County and City officials – recently "took the next step" and brought her concerns to the attention of Romulus Councilman Bill Wadsworth. After driving around the City, investigating the safety issues identified by Vaughn and some of her colleagues, Wadsworth brought the matter to the attention of his fellow colleagues, and forwarded Vaughn's letter to Romulus Chief of Staff Betsey Krampitz, who was sitting in for Mayor Alan R. Lambert at Monday night's meeting.

"I really give these bus drivers a lot of credit," said the Councilman. "Their concern for the well-being of their passengers is commendable."

Wadsworth did note that almost all of the roads identified as the worst problem areas are the responsibility of Wayne County, not the City. In fact, according to Romulus Department of Public Works director Tom Wilson, only two of the roads – Cogswell and a portion of Huron River Drive – are under the City's care.

Both roads, said Wilson, were last restriped in October 2006 by an outside company under contract with the City, and are not due for another striping until October 2007. However, City DPW workers *will* be able to address the bus drivers' concerns about the markings at railroad crossings.

Wilson also reported that he has contacted Wayne County officials, who say that they will restripe problem areas within the next six weeks. His call to Wayne County Traffic Control, regarding the streetlight at Eureka and Wayne roads, had not yet been returned as of Tuesday afternoon.

While Vaughn was glad to hear that some action will be taken in the near future, she is far from satisfied.

"I just don't understand why restriping the roads is such a big deal," she stated. "Why should we have to wait another six months before it can be done? This is not some trivial matter; this is a serious safety issue that involves our children." □



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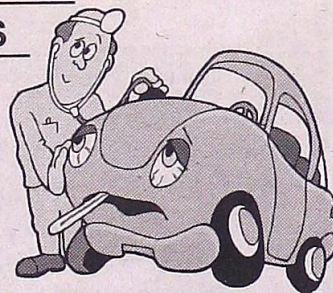
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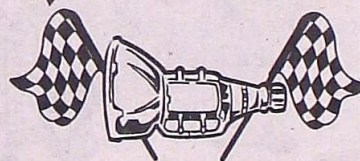
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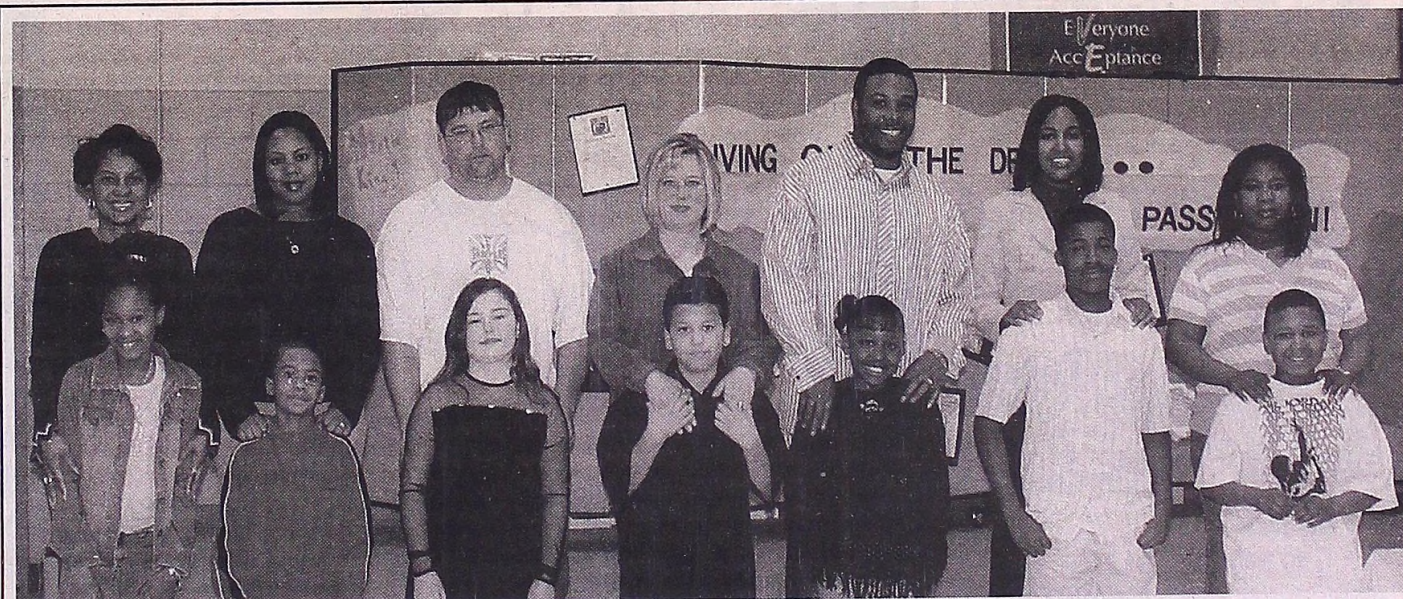
Among those who attended Cory Elementary's first annual MEAP Ball were: (from left; student in front with guest in back) Mason Powe with Jacqueline Carey, Destinee Hayes with Theresa Dooley, Jalon Gilmore with Javon Gilmore, Denford and Misty Briscoe with Heather Holland, Rebecca Williams with Cheyenne Chapman, Tamia Taylor with Leauveta Taylor, Briana Bohannon with George Stubbs, and Tremaine Pool with Dean Springer.

Cory Elementary principal Dorothy West wanted to do something special to recognize her students for earning the school's highest-ever Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores, so she instituted the new Cory MEAP Ball. Students who passed their MEAP

tests were allowed to bring guests to a pizza dinner held in the cafeteria, which was followed by dancing to DJ music in the school gym.

"We had 129 students who were eligible to attend," said West. "The event packed our facilities at Cory.

"It was great to see how proud the students were of their achievements, and how proud they were when they introduced their guests to me," she continued. "This was a wonderful evening, and I will certainly look forward to the MEAP Ball next year." □



Other MEAP Ball attendees included: (from left; student in front with guest in back) Nia Washington with Natalie Washington, Anthony Bowers with Shaney Bowers, Alisha Louis with Charlie Lamb, Caleb Riggs with Kathleen Riggs, Dajua Paris with Gabel Searcy, James Davis with Autumn Hayes, and Jamon Higgins with Alicia Higgins.

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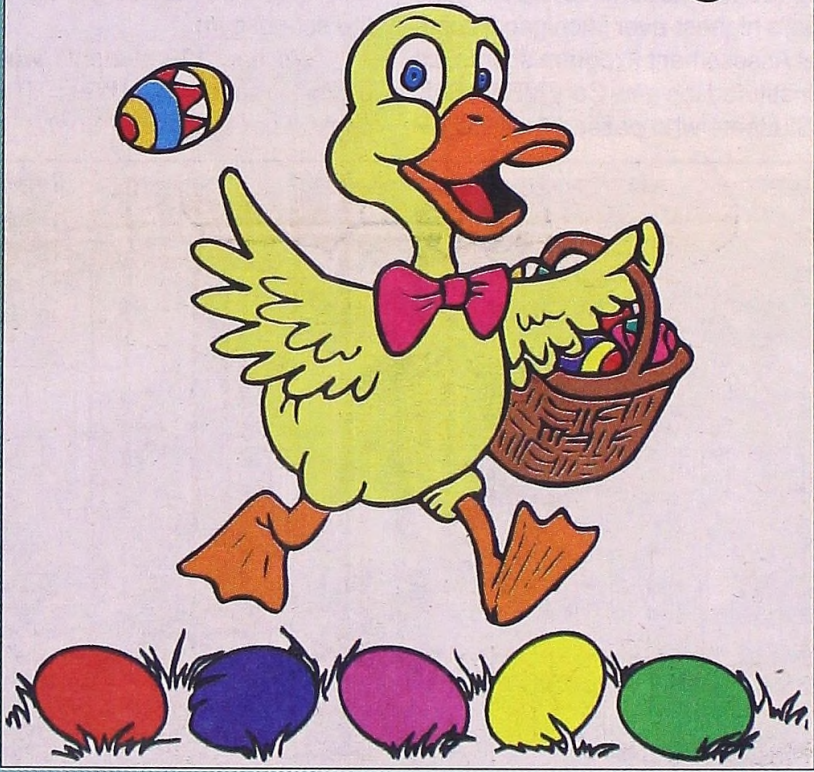
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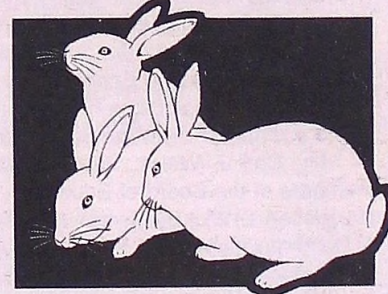
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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 12, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 12, 2007, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-president Kenneth Mientkiewicz.

Roll call showed members Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, and Cheryle Buckley present. Members Celeste Roscoe, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik were absent (excused). Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources. Administrator Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-president Mientkiewicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

03/07/1 Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

03/07/2 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2007, as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following Personnel Actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Lou Hamblen, Elementary/Secondary Cafeteria Server, Alternative Middle/Community High School, Effective March 1, 2007.

RESIGNATION – FYI: Richard A. Kruse, Public Relations, Administrative Office, Effective March 12, 2007.

Bills for Payment

03/07/3 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Ms. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Barth School Presentation

Barth Elementary staff and students presented a program on Healthy Living to the Board of Education.

Middle School staff, students, and parents gave an overview of curriculum and "Challenge Day" to the Board of Education.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz applauded Barth Elementary staff and students for their Heritage Day presentation.

Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, congratulated the School District and Wick Elementary teacher Kathy Hurst for receiving the Elementary Teacher of the Year award from Wayne County RESA. Other staff nominees receiving recognition were: Shannon Collum-Mullins, High School Teacher of the Year; Lynn Behta, Middle School Teacher of the Year; Shawn Dickson, Elementary Teacher of the Year; Tiffany Markavich, Outstanding Teacher of the Year; and Carol Harrieff, Support Employee of the Year.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) The Merriman Star; 2) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 3) Wick Elementary Newsletter; 4) Thank you – family of Kathy Van Valkenburg; 5) Congratulations, Wick Elementary – RESA; 6) Barth News; 7) Chartwell's Newsletter; 8) Wingspan; 9) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; and 10) Cory Elementary Newsletter.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley commented on the excellent Middle School honors program and recognition of outstanding students.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz congratulated the High School varsity basketball team for winning the district finals. He announced that regionals would commence on March 13, 2007, at Ypsilanti's Lincoln High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

03/07/4 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's evaluation. Roll call vote – Ayes: Buckley, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

03/07/5 Moved by Lenossi, supported by White, that the Board of Education reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote – Ayes: Buckley, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

03/07/6 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to adjourn. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Niema White, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Local Bank Expresses Many, Many Thanks

National City Bank of Romulus would like to thank the Romulus Public Library, Barrington Apartments, and Annapolis Hospital, along with all of the wonderful customers who donated books for the bank's "Read to Achieve" March book drive. The Romulus office alone collected over 1,100 books for donation to school districts and literacy centers in Michigan.

McLachlan on Dean's List at U Toledo

Congratulations to Jonathan McLachlan, whose superior scholastic achievement during the 2006 fall semester earned him a spot on the Dean's List at the University of Toledo, where he is enrolled in the College of Pharmacy.

McLachlan, the valedictorian of Romulus High School's Class of 2006, is the son of Robert and Theresa McLachlan of Romulus.

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STUDY SESSION, MARCH 21, 2007

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources. Administrator Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

03/07/7 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by White, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

STUDY SESSION – BUDGET REDUCTION 2007–2008

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, gave an overview of the Spending Reduction Plan and stated that the District Budget needed to be reduced by \$2.5 million for the 2007–2008 school year. He further stated that the District did not know the status of pending prorations from the State, or what State funding would be for the 2007–2008 school year.

Mr. Weiss informed the Board that several communications had been received from community members, and copies given to the Board. He further stated that answers had been written to the first letters received, and answers would be sent to others. The Board of Education was provided with copies of the answers to communications.

Superintendent Weiss then opened discussion for questions and concerns from Board members. Board members questioned Mr. Weiss and other administrators about many of the items on the Spending Reduction Plan list.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jason Salhaney, President of the Romulus Education Association, addressed the Board of Education about the concerns of his union.

Ms. Sarah Carter, a third-grade teacher at Halecreek Elementary, addressed the Board of Education with concerns about the loss of intervention specialists.

Ms. Stacy Paige – secretary at Halecreek Elementary, taxpayer, and parent – addressed the Board of Education with concerns about the loss of intervention specialists and paraprofessionals.

Ms. Ruthanne Lhiva, fifth-/sixth-grade teacher at Merriman Elementary, addressed the Board of Education with concerns about the possibility of losing reteachers and intervention specialists.

Ms. Kim Wells, President of AFSCME Local 64, asked the Board of Education to review and consider recommendations that were made by Local 64.

Ms. Sandy Tenney, employee and taxpayer, appeared before the Board of Education and spoke about "Pay to Play" and Activity Buses.

Mr. Rob McLachlan, taxpayer, appeared before the Board of Education and thanked Member Kenneth Mientkiewicz for doing research on "Pay to Play." He also asked that the Financial Audit for the School District go out for bids.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

03/07/8 Moved by Frayer, supported by Mientkiewicz, that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

03/07/9 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, White, and Roscoe. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

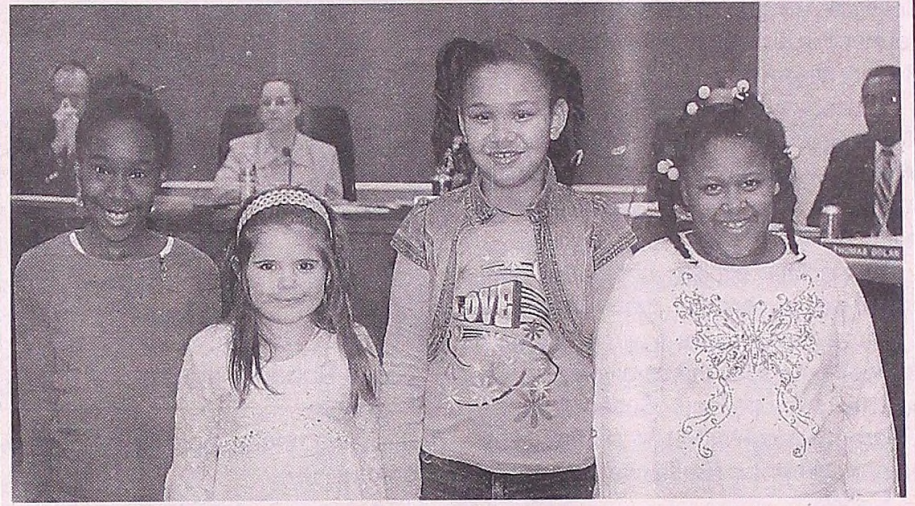
03/07/10 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Niema White, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Around the District



Merriman Elementary principal Shellie Moore (right) enjoyed playing educational games with (from left) Jennifer, Danielle, and Rebecca Cole during her school's recent Math Night.



A special video presented at a recent Romulus Board of Education meeting "starred" Romulus Elementary students (from left) Aunya Wilson, Rebecca Valentik, Torianna Allen-Cook, and Kiara Thompson.



Romulus Community Schools superintendent Carl J. Weiss (left) and Romulus Middle School principal Phyllis Adkins (right) gave a final tour to Dr. Marlene Davis, retiring Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency superintendent.



The Romulus Board of Education recently honored Eagle Badge recipient David Forbush for his exemplary accomplishments in Scouting and academics. Mom Faith Sheptoski-Forbush and dad Don Forbush also attended the brief ceremony.



Among the 150 parents who registered their children during the Romulus Community Schools' annual Kindergarten Roundup program was Krista Oleszkewicz (right), who was welcomed by (from left) Romulus Elementary paraprofessional Debbie Dunn, principal Marjie McAnally, and learning specialist Gretchen Notaro. Parents who missed Roundup can register their children at their neighborhood elementary on any school day.



Barth Elementary students recognized for high honors, honors, and/or improved grades included: (from left) front – Kendall Hilts, Alexsis Jones, Tyler Freitas, Shelby Kliemann, Paige Gubaci, and Kevin Littler; middle – Savannah Leininger, Hunter Mason, Ben Mach, Everett Milspaugh, Bobby Kerr, and Madeline Satterlee; back – Justin Anderson, Ian Kerr, Alexa Snyder, Caitlyn Hay, Taelor Frazier, Bradley Nairemore, and Katie Wegrzyn.

The Stork Arrived

Lucas Robert Wagner

Charlie Wagner and Lisa Brooks of Belleville, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Lucas Robert Wagner.

Lucas was born at St. Mary Mercy Hospital (Livonia, MI) at 1:51 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2007, weighing in at 5 lbs., 5 oz., and measuring 18.5 in. in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was big brother Justin Marshall.

Also giving Lucas a warm and loving welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Susan Wagner (Dearborn Heights, MI) and Robert and Dianne Wagner (Belleville), and his



Lucas Robert Wagner

maternal grandmother, Carol Brooks (Romulus, MI).

Sienna Mae Watts



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Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Sienna Mae Watts, are Orlando Watts and Crystal Kilmer of Ecorse, Michigan.

Sienna was born at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital (Wyandotte, MI) at 9:12 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2007, weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz., and measuring 19 in. in length.

Family members who were especially excited about the new arrival included her older siblings, Shea, Asia, Orlando, Brenden, Jonathon, Pharrell, Emilee, and Javarri.

Sienna's paternal grandparents are Wilson and Hattie Watts (Inkster, MI). Dennis and Jackie Minner (Romulus, MI) are her maternal grandparents. □

Bon Voyage!

McNeils Celebrate 25th Anniversary

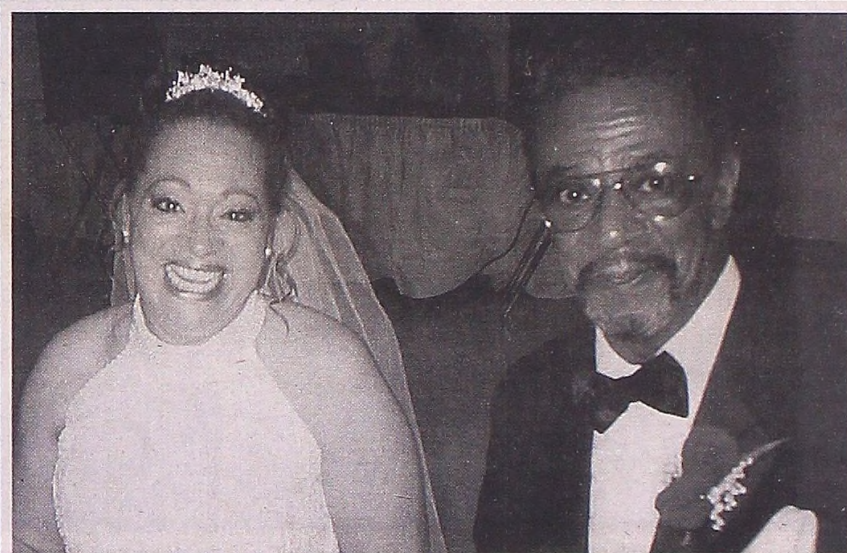
Brian and Linda McNeil of Romulus celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by taking a Caribbean cruise surrounded by family and friends. They swam with the sting-rays in Nassau, parasailed in St. Thomas, and went scuba diving in St. Maarten. Fun was had by all—except, said the McNeils, "We missed you, Mike!" □



Linda and Brian McNeil

Wedding Bells

James and LaVerne (Rachal) Macon



LaVerne and James Macon

Congratulations and best wishes to James Earl and LaVerne Theresa (Rachal) Macon, who were married at Laurel Chapel (Livonia, MI) on Sunday, September 3, 2006.

Standing up with James was best

man Fred Robinson. Maid of honor Margo Welch attended LaVerne.

James is the son of Louise Robinson (Detroit, MI); LaVerne, the daughter of Mary L. Rachal (Belleville, MI). □

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Obituaries

Marvin George Lange

Marvin George Lange of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Friday, March 23, 2007, at the age of 84.

The son of the late George R. and Mary (Schultz) Lange was born in Romulus, Michigan, on December 14, 1922.

A lifelong Belleville-area resident, George enjoyed farming, gardening, and animals, and loved being a grandpa. He retired as a foreman with the Wayne County Road Commission in 1975.

Surviving Marvin are his wife, Virginia Lee (Bassett) Lange, whom he married on July 7, 1945; 3 children, Marvin R. (Carol) Lange (Belle-

ville), Mary (Tom) Foyle (Sumpter Township, MI), and Raymond A. (Janus) Lange (York Township, TX); 6 grandchildren, Marvin Lange Jr., Emily S. Hilton, Timothy Foley, Raymond Lange Jr., Scott Lange, and Randy Weise; 7 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Ascherl.

A funeral service was held on Monday, March 26, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Belleville), with Pastor James Frey officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville).

Rose M. Williams

Rose M. Williams of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at the age of 73.

The daughter of the late Charles A. and Olivia K. (Marx) Williams was born in Wayne, Michigan, on Monday, May 8, 1933. She loved to spend time with her family and grandchildren, and also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, reading, and watching television, especially *Mash*.

Surviving Rose are two daughters, Deborah (Douglas) Kingery (Wayne) and Beverly (John) Bidwell (Romulus); 6 grandchildren; and 2

great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents; 6 brothers, Wayne, Don, Charles, Bob, Winston, and Earl; and 2 sisters, Dorothy and Betty.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 30, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Robert J. White (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions to Community Hospice would be greatly appreciated by the family. □

Romulus High School Announces Dates for Senior Prom, Graduation

Don Foley, assistant principal at Romulus High School, has compiled the following list of special events to update graduating seniors and their parents.

- **Senior All-night Party**
(Friday, May 25, with lock-in from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; RHS field house);
- **Senior Final Exams**
(Thursday, May 31, during 4th, 5th, and 6th hours; seniors attend from 10:34 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all underclassmen will follow their regular schedule)
- **Senior Final Exams**
(Friday, June 1, during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours; seniors attend from 7:15 a.m. to 10:34 a.m.; all underclassmen will follow their regular schedule)
- **Prom Toast**
(Wednesday, June 6, from 6 to 7 p.m.; RHS atrium);

- **Senior Prom**
(Wednesday, June 6, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight; Roostertail in Detroit);

- **Commencement**
(Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m. sharp to 11 a.m.; RHS field house).

Foley asks parents to note that admission to commencement will be *by ticket only*. Tickets will be distributed to seniors during graduation rehearsal. All guests attending commencement are to be seated *no later than 9:30 a.m.* Late arrivals will not be seated when it is disruptive to the quality of the ceremony.

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